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**WHEREAS**, the proposed changes outline a set of key policy priorities related to site selection guidance, net-zero and low carbon guidance, health and

wellness guidance through the WELL building standards, and sustainable landscape guidance; and

**WHEREAS**, the memo further recommends updated performance standards for new construction for capital improvement projects, major and minor renovations and interior finish-outs for capital improvement projects, third-party financed and alternative delivery projects (such as public-private partnerships), and proposed new requirements for leased spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the memo also recommends proposed requirements for new construction capital improvement projects, major and minor renovations and interior finish-outs for capital improvement projects, and third-party financed and alternative delivery projects (such as public-private partnerships); these proposed requirements include mandatory feasibility analyses for rooftop solar installation, avoidance of natural gas, use of auxiliary water, provision of EV charging stations, and mandatory water balance calculations; and

**WHEREAS**, staff recommended that further policy discussion take place regarding WELL and other building standards; updates to existing facilities; and requirements for public art; and

**WHEREAS**, the June 12, 2020, staff memo details these recommended changes and considerations; and

**WHEREAS**, staff has continued refining proposed changes to the Green Building Policy and provided Council with updated recommendations in the summary matrix and detailed policy language dated May 25, 2021 (“Exhibit A”); and

48           **WHEREAS**, the City of Austin affirms its commitment to reducing its  
49 carbon footprint, reducing water use, and fostering a community well-poised to  
50 address climate change and mitigate environmental pollution; **NOW**,  
51 **THEREFORE**,

52 **BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:**

- 53           1. The Council approves the proposed updates to the City of Austin Green  
54 Building Policy contained in Exhibit A of this resolution.
- 55           2. The Council directs the City Manager to continue conversations with  
56 relevant boards and commissions regarding the outstanding issues outlined  
57 in the June 12, 2020, memo and to return to Council at a work session prior  
58 to December 9, 2021, so that Council may provide additional feedback or  
59 direction.
- 60           3. This resolution amends Resolution No. 20071129-045.

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63 **ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_, 2021   **ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
64 Jannette S. Goodall  
65 City Clerk